

College on the Hill? A Horrible Mistake

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FINAL CHECK . . . Leonard Wagner (right) makes a last minute check of his walkie-talkie system as Carl Erick (left) and Norman Barker pinpoint radio control points along the route of Saturday's Boy Scout parade here. More than a dozen members of Pacific Telephone's Communications and Science Explorer Post 684-E will man radios to insure precise timing of the parade. Erick, a traffic assistant for Pacific Telephone, is an associate advisor to the post and Barker is general manager.

Developer Denies Bribe Hint On High Rise Rezoning Case



Was Approached By Councilman Builder Claims

The president of Sovereign Development Co. has denied allegations that he tried to bribe a Torrance councilman in connection with high rise rezoning and said he would "fully cooperate with any and all agencies that care to look into this matter."

Robert D. Keillor, president of the firm seeking to construct high rise apartments on the site of the old Riviera Clubhouse, said his attorneys were "carefully scrutinizing statements made by Torrance Councilman George Vico to determine what future action will be taken."

Vico hinted that Keillor had attempted to bribe him before the hearing and subsequent voting on a petition to rezone the Torrance portion of the old clubhouse site for high rise. Vico made his statements before the Board of Supervisors during a hearing on a proposed land exchange between Sovereign Development Co. and the county on Jan. 21.

THE COUNCILMAN revealed a letter dated Aug. 12, 1964, but which he said was delivered Aug. 11, just prior to the council meeting at which the high rise zone case was heard. The letter confirmed an offer to give Vico opportunity to negotiate a lease for the restaurant planned for the top of the high rise tower.

Keillor claims that Vico approached him expressing an interest in the restaurant operation. No one approached Vico, said Keillor. "If Vico could successfully put together a package on the restaurant, it would be of



AT AMARILLO . . . Atman Francis M. Zickefoose, son of Mrs. Evelyn M. Zickefoose of 1653 Calle De La Concha, Redondo Beach, has completed Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been selected for technical training as a supply specialist at the Air Training Command School at Amarillo AFB, Tex.

City May Open New Bid to Get State College

"A horrible mistake . . . That's what Mayor Albert Isen called the location of Palos Verdes State College during last night's city council meeting.

The remark, made during debate on a resolution urging support for a bill to provide funds for the opening of the college in September, spurred other councilmen to ask for a resolution again expressing Torrance's desire to have the college.

Isen read excerpts of letters which he has received, then said he planned to write a letter to Gov. Edmund G. Brown. "The land is still available here and all they need to do is purchase surface rights," Isen declared.

LETTERS FROM two Peninsula residents urged Torrance to begin a new campaign to relocate the college. "For heaven's sake, get them off the hill," wrote one woman.

Another said there is "no argument in favor of the Peninsula site) unless it is a

compulsive need to waste money."

Councilman J. A. Reasley asked for a resolution which would let the state and the State College Board of Trustees know the land is still available in Torrance and the city would still like to have the college.

"Do we want a college or are we just having a contest to see who can get their name in the newspaper," David K. Lyman asked. "This thing has been flailed and here we are pulling the corpse out to kick a few more times."

THE COUNCIL was unanimous in urging support for a bill introduced by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-6th District) and Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh. The bill, if passed, will provide for the college to open in temporary quarters when the fall term begins in September.

A unanimous council also ordered the resolution expressing this city's desire for the college. It will be on next week's agenda.

SPECIAL COLOR GUARD . . . One Scout from each troop to be represented in the sixth annual Boy Scout parade slated for Saturday morning will march with the color guard unit at the head of the parade. Each boy will carry an American flag. The parade will begin at 10:30 Saturday morning, moving from the formation

area on Cabrillo Avenue down Cravens Avenue and then on Torrance Boulevard past the reviewing stand at civic center. The parade, which will include some 5,000 to 10,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Explorer and Sea Scouts, commemorates the 55th anniversary of the Boy Scouts.

Scouts of Area to Fill City For Parade on Saturday

Torrance will host from 5,000 to 10,000 Boy Scouts Saturday morning as this city prepares to begin the observance of Boy Scout Week with a giant parade.

Boy Scout Week begins officially Sunday with Scout Sunday, and continues through next week. It commemorates the 55th anniversary of the Boy Scouts.

Saturday's parade, one of the largest in the history of the city, will include bands, floats, military units, and several thousand Boy Scouts.

Parnelli Jones, the 1963 Indianapolis 500 winner, will be the grand marshal, heading a line of march that includes mayors of all surrounding communities, and civic and business leaders from throughout the county.

JUDGE PHILLIP H. Richards, president of the Los Angeles Council of the Boy Scouts of America, will head the parade parshals. Herbert Allen is the honorary grand marshal.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, along with Dodger pitcher Joe Moeiler, Gen. Joseph Bleymaier, and Los Angeles City Council President L. E. Timberlake also will ride as marshals.

Marshals who have been named parade marshals include Albert Isen of Torrance, H. R. Anderson of Hermosa Beach, Robert G. Beverly of Manhattan Beach, William F. Czelegler of Redondo Beach, Paul F. Gilmore of Rolling Hills Estates, William Goedike of Inglewood, H. L. McGill of El Segundo, and C. O. Van Note Jr. of Rolling Hills.

Arca Youth Bands, the Westchester Youth Band, and a variety of other musical groups will march along the three-mile route.

Members of the Pacific Telephone Co.'s Communications and Science Explorer Post 684-E, comprised of students, will also participate.

Withdrawal Tabled

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Courts Committee Named . . .

A committee to study the relocation of South Bay Municipal Court facilities now located in Redondo Beach was appointed by the Board of Supervisors yesterday. Judge William B. Keene, presiding judge of the South Bay Municipal Courts, was named chairman. Relocation of the Redondo Beach facilities on the Torrance civic center has been urged by numerous civic leaders.

Realty Building Opened . . .

Invitations to attend an open house at the newly expanded Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors building at 22833 Arlington Ave. have been mailed to many civic leaders and to the approximately 1,000 members and associate members of the organization. President Albert Z. England reported yesterday. The open house will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. Members of the Women's Council will serve refreshments.

Refinery Tank Burns . . .

Flames Monday destroyed a 1,000-gallon transport fuel tank at the Mobil Refinery on Crenshaw Boulevard near Del Amo. Torrance firemen under the command of Bu. Chief John Agapito controlled the blaze in the low grade fuel tanker.

Land Decision Delayed . . .

A decision on the proposed exchange of beach land between Sovereign Development Co. and the County was postponed for a least two weeks by the Board of Supervisors at yesterday's meeting. If the deal is approved, beach land in Torrance will be given to the county in exchange for a section of hillside and beach land adjacent to the Redondo Beach portion of the old Riviera Clubhouse site.



Youngest Mayor Wields Gavel

For a brief moment Tuesday evening, Torrance had what is probably the youngest mayor of any city in modern history!

It all happened when Mayor Albert Isen introduced special guests Danny, DeWayne, and David Watson, the triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson of 3125 W. 187th St. The trio attended the meeting to take part in a ceremony proclaiming February "Heart Fund Month."

When Isen vacated his chair to present a proclamation to Mrs. Watson, the triplets headed for the councilmen's desk. Danny and DeWayne, jumped in to the laps of George Vico and Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and David headed for the mayor's empty chair.

Once in the chair, David picked up the gavel and brought it down with a bang. The youngster surrendered the gavel and chair five minutes later when summoned by his mother.

PROMOTED . . . Frank R. Stewart, who began his U.S. Steel career in Torrance in 1956, has been promoted to the position of district manager for the U.S. Steel Supply Division operations in Los Angeles, according to John H. Morava, president.